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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(b))**

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Patent Number: 6,502,951 B2

Application Number: 09/727,419

Issue Date: Jan. 7, 2003

Filing Date: Dec. 1, 2000

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☒ is a reissue of original Patent No. US 6,502,951 B2 original issue date Jan 7, 2003  
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Marilyn J. Marshall  
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## 1. SMALL ENTITY

☐ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☒ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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Amount	Fee	(Code)	Amount	Fee	(Code)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ <u>490.<sup>00</sup></u>	3 ½ yr fee	(1551)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	3 ½ yr fee	(2551)
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## 4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) of \$ 750.<sup>00</sup> (Fee Code 1557) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 2,480.<sup>00</sup>☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

## 6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

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## 8. SHOWING

The enclosed statement will show that the delay in timely payment of the maintenance fee was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely and that this petition is being filed promptly after the patentee was notified of, or otherwise became aware of, the expiration of the patent. The statement must enumerate the steps taken to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee, the date and the manner in which the patentee became aware of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition promptly.

## 9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.

Marilyn J. Marshall  
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## ENCLOSURES:

- ☐ Maintenance Fee Payment  
☒ Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely  
☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)  
☐ Other:

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Marilyn J. Marshall (patentee)  
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### STATEMENT

(In the space below, please provide the showing of unavoidable delay recited in paragraph 8 above.)

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this trying time. It has been very difficult pulling my life back together. So, I'm asking for a second chance to move forward with getting my product to the market. I have a standing agreement with several large stores here in Houston, Tx. and abroad. I shouldn't have any more problems with paying my Maintenance fees on time.

I thank you for understanding my situation.

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